

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/724,616

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 9/1/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3-23.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 11/28/00 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the amendment filed on 9/1/04.
2. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsai (U.S. 6,161,196) in view of "GDB Tutorial", by Kierstead et al., 1993 (hereinafter Kierstead) to claims 1 and 9 is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment and remarks/arguments.
3. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsai (U.S. 6,161,196) in view of "GDB Tutorial", by Kierstead et al., 1993 (hereinafter Kierstead), and further in view of Fuchs (U.S. 5,590,277) to claims 2-8 and 10-14 is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment and remarks/arguments.
4. Claim 2 has been cancelled.
5. Claims 1, 3 and 9-10 have been amended.
6. Claims 15-23 have been added.
7. Claims 1 and 3-23 are pending.
8. Claims 1 and 3-23 are allowed.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

9. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The cited prior art taken alone or in combination fail to teach, in combination with the other claimed limitations, upon detecting an error in execution of the first set of object code, initially re-executing the first set of object code; and resuming execution using the second set of object code if the first set of object code fails in re-execution as recited in independent claims 1 and 9; upon detecting an error in execution of the first set of object code, selecting between the

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first set of object code and the second set of object code in resuming execution of the program as substantially recited in independent claims 5, 10, 11, 15, 19 and 20.

The closest cited prior arts, the combination of Tsai (U.S. 6,161,196), Kierstead, and Fuchs (U.S. 5,590,277) teaches a method and apparatus for software error recovery. However, the combination of Tsai (U.S. 6,161,196), Kierstead, and Fuchs (U.S. 5,590,277) fails to teach upon detecting an error in execution of the first set of object code, initially re-executing the first set of object code; and resuming execution using the second set of object code if the first set of object code fails in re-execution as recited in independent claims 1 and 9; upon detecting an error in execution of the first set of object code, selecting between the first set of object code and the second set of object code in resuming execution of the program as substantially recited in independent claims 5, 10, 11, 15, 19 and 20; and as pointed out by the applicant's remarks/arguments on pg. 10, par. 8 to pg. 12, par. 1; and pg. 12, par. 4 to pg. 13, par. 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Qamrun Nahar whose telephone number is (571) 272-3730. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Thursdays from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kakali Chaki, can be reached on (571) 272-3719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or processing is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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